

POLICY BULLETIN

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

NSLP 18-06

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SUBJECT: Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value (FMNV)

7CFR Part 210.11 Competitive Food Services
Appendix B - Categories of FMNV

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This bulletin rescinds NSLP 13-06.

USDA Regulations state, "State agencies and school food authorities shall . . . control the sale of foods in competition with lunches served under the Program." (7 CFR Part 210.11)

"The intent of the regulations on competitive foods and FMNV is to protect the nutritional integrity of school meals." (SP 99-14)

"Furthermore, schools may not design their food service area in such a way as to encourage or facilitate the choice or purchase of FMNV as a ready substitute for, or addition to, program meals." (SP 01-04)

If schools wish to have vending machine rooms or a school store which open directly into a serving or dining area, one of the following must be done:

- No FMNV will be sold in the vending machines or school stores.
- Vending machines that contain FMNV will be turned off until the end of all serving and dining schedules for the school. School stores containing FMNV will not sell such items until the end of all serving and dining schedules for the school.
- Relocate vending machines containing FMNV (or stores selling them) outside the serving and dining areas.
- The view of the FMNV must be obscured from the serving and dining areas so as to restrict the sale of FMNV. For example, a vending machine room or a school store opening into serving or dining area may not facilitate or encourage the sale of FMNV by open display. A door to a school store must not remain open during serving and dining schedules.

Please be aware when students dine in any area of the school they choose, the whole campus is the dining area. (SP 99-14) An area of the school can be designated as a no dining area, but it must be monitored to assure compliance.

These changes must take place on or before the beginning of the 2006 - 2007 school year or September 1, 2006, whichever is first.